



# Missouri Department of Natural Resources

## RECREATIONAL USE ATTAINABILITY ANALYSES PUBLIC COMMENTS

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### **General Comments**

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Subject bacteria standards

Mr. Childers

I am writing to express my concern about DNR plans to exempt some Missouri streams from bacteria standards. Most of the streams listed for exemption on the DNR web-site are small streams often used by children who are very unlikely to send a comment form to DNR. Farmers and other land owners often have contact with the waters of these streams in the normal course of land and fence maintenance. All of these streams drain into larger streams and rivers used for recreation. I am aware that it is expensive to control bacteria levels in waste treatment plant discharge. However I believe that the long-term cost of exempting these streams from the bacteria standards will prove to be much more costly.

I have witnessed the degradation of a small Crawford County stream on my farm by the City of Bourbon sewer treatment plant. Over the past twenty years it has gone from a clear stream clean enough to drink out of to algae choked stream I will not let my cattle drink from. I feel DNR efforts would be better spent helping treatment plant operators find better and more cost effective methods of waste treatment. While our little stream is not on the DNR list, I fear it is just a matter of time until it is. Exemption from bacteria standards will only compound the problem.

One of Missouri's most valuable assets is an abundance of clean ground water.  
We should all work together to protect that asset.

Thank you for your consideration, David Dunn